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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL PROGRAM: IMPACT OF TRAVEL FREEZE

1. IN ADDITION TO THE CRIPPLING EFFECT OF THE TRAVEL FREEZE ON THE PROPER COORDINATION AND DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED TO COMMERCE, WE SHALL BE UNABLE TO MEET COMMITMENTS MADE PRIOR TO THE TRAVEL FREEZE. THESE INCLUDE (A) THE LONG PLANNED PARTICIPATION WITH STATE AGENCIES AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE HANNOVER FAIR, WHERE ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING SPACE WERE PAID BY THE AMCHAM AND THE STATES AND WE WERE COMMITTED TO STAFFING THE US INFORMATION CENTER, AND (B) SEVERAL SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH GERMAN BUSINESSMEN ARRANGED BY THE POSTS WITH THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL GERMAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN CITIES SUCH AS MUENSTER AND WUERZBURG, WHICH CANNOT BE HANDLED BY CAR IN ONE DAY FROM DUESSELDORF AND MUNICH, RESPECTIVELY.

2. THESE ACTIVITIES, IF CANCELED, WOULD NOT ONLY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM, BUT
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WOULD ALSO CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE US GOVERNMENT.

3. TO MEET THESE COMMITMENTS MADE, WE WOULD REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF \$3,000 FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 75 FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. THIS WOULD STILL LEAVE US \$5,000 BELOW THE AMOUNT SPENT IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ON WHICH WE HAD ORIGINALLY BASED OUR COMMERCIAL PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR.

4. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THIS MINIMUM AMOUNT AVAILABLE FROM SOME SOURCE INCLUDING THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.
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